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— to —

**Miss Genevieve R. Delaney**

The members of the graduating class are happy to honor Miss Delaney in this way, and to express their sincere appreciation of her as a teacher and friend.



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## Class Song

HAIL, HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH  
*(Adapted from Hail, Pennsylvania)*

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Steadfast  
and strong;  
To thee with loyal hearts, we sing this  
song,  
Swelling to heaven high, our many  
praises ring;  
Hail Higgins Junior High, to thee we  
sing.

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Guide of  
our youth;  
Lead thou thy children on to light and  
truth;  
Ne'er can thy spirit die, nor thy walls  
decay,  
Hail, Higgins Junior High, for thee we  
pray.

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## Class Poem

"Even this must pass away," a saying  
old but true,  
A phrase to bring one courage but at  
this time makes us blue.

For our happy days at Higgins now are  
ended  
And memories of well-loved teachers and  
friends soon will be blended—  
In a pattern of the past.

'Twas such a short time ago we entered  
her friendly walls,  
And eagerly but timidly trod the now  
familiar halls.  
The teachers were strange, the class-  
mates new,  
But as each day rolled by, the dearer  
they grew.

Together we worked, in study and play  
To reach our goal, Graduation Day.  
The day brings happiness and also tears,  
For the happy memories of the last two  
years.

But with heads held high we journey on  
To greater knowledge that lies beyond.  
And when the top is reached, and our  
school days are ended,  
Memories of days at Higgins still will  
be blended—  
In a pattern of the past.

Joan Thompson, 8A

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## TO THE CLASS OF 1949:

There are indeed few if any occasions which bring to the hearts of students, parents and teachers a greater measure of pride and exultation than does that of the graduation exercise. It represents the fulfillment of the many dreams and aspirations toward which each has contributed over the years.

Graduation, however, should mean even more than all this. It should be a time when all experiences of the past are critically evaluated, and the opportunities of the future carefully and painstakingly surveyed.

That America firmly believes in education as an instrument of free men in a free world is constantly and consistently being demonstrated. If we are to survive as a free nation, that survival must be based upon the assumption that all men, regardless of race, creed or color, are entitled without reservation to the benefits of an education—the birth-right of every American.

We of the Higgins School faculty salute you graduates of the Class of 1949 in the attainment of your first educational objective. We are humbly grateful for the privilege of having made our contribution to your personal welfare. We have an abiding faith

in the values of our task, and assume our obligations with a deep sense of duty and humility.

Perhaps there is no better way of expressing our feelings than quoting from the illustrious Daniel Webster, who offered the following: *"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."*

CORDIALLY YOURS,

ERNEST K. WHITE

## Class History

### "UNITED WE STAND"

NO score and two years ago we students brought forth to Higgins School a new class, conceived of boys and girls and dedicated to the proposition that we came to learn.

Now we are engaged in a great struggle onward, testing whether this class or any class so dedicated to learning can long continue.

Now, let us turn the pages of our class history book back two years. The time was 9:00 o'clock on September 7, 1947, when we first entered Higgins Junior High School as very confused seventh graders. But, it didn't take long for our confusion to subside. Books were distributed and we really got down to work. Noisy hoodlums turned into quiet book worms.

Our school year started off with a bang! The annual magazine drive was on in full force. It was our first real test in working together. Due to the hard work of the directors, Miss Shea and Mr. Shapiro, it was a huge success. May all future drives do as well.

Every year Mr. White organizes a Hi-Y Club and this, our first year, was no exception.

Pupils interested in music joined the orchestra, directed by Mrs. O'Neil. The orchestra had an active season playing at all our assemblies, at a P. T. A. meeting, on Class Day and last, but not least, at graduation.

The Glee Club under Mrs. O'Neil's supervision made several public appearances and presented many noteworthy performances. The outstanding one was the trip to New London to participate in the Connecticut State Chorus Festival. The Glee Club was financially supported

by a dance which the entire junior high attended.

Mr. Shapiro organized and coached a boys' basketball and baseball team which gave many boys a new view of sports. To give pep to our games and to make them more interesting Miss Stewart directed a girls' cheerleading team. The first cheerleaders were Joan Thompson and Judith Davis.

We enjoyed some very interesting assemblies during our first year in the Higgins Junior High.

On October 8, Miss Delaney arranged for the first assembly of the year. She presented Officer Kimbal who spoke on "Safety."

Dr. Clarke Carle, invited by Miss McGinity, gave a speech on "The Care of the Teeth."

Miss Hannon presented Mrs. Mohrbacher who made our Christmas Assembly more interesting by teaching us some new songs and by speaking on Christmas Carols and Customs.

Mr. Shapiro entertained us on January 21, by showing us a movie on the "World Series of 1947."

"The World Events of 1947" was a play given by the 8B2 class directed by Miss Stewart. The class gave such an outstanding performance that they were invited to repeat the play at a P. T. A. meeting.

Miss Shea presented a very interesting movie on "Safety" which emphasized the importance of safety in our daily lives.

As usual, Mr. Doran came to the school and gave his annual talk on Railroad Safety.

Mrs. Dunn and her Home Economics Club presented a "Fashion Show" which was of great interest especially to the girls.

## "Patriots Always"

### VALEDICTORY

*Not gold, but only man can make  
A people great and strong;  
Men who, for truth and honor's sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.*

*Brave men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly—  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky.*

THIS poem, entitled "A Nation's Strength" by Ralph Waldo Emerson, expresses for us the true meaning of patriotism and beautifully illustrates our class motto "Patriots Always."

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Mrs. Helen Fahey filled the vacancy left by Miss McGinity when she retired at the end of our seventh year. Her loyal devotion for many years to the needs and desires of the pupils of the A. D. Higgins School has endeared her to us all.

Our time passed rapidly during our seventh year and soon vacation was upon us, the thing we hated and dreaded most.

After a short vacation we came back to dear old Higgins to start our second and last year here.

The year started off with the usual clamor and jumble, but we were not so confused, being wiser and more familiar with the usual routine of things.

One of the first things we did, however, was to elect officers for the Student Council. This is the outstanding organization of the school which functions for the sole purpose of helping students to become citizens of the school and to assist in school government. The officers of the Student Council were Statia Wojcieszek, president; Edward Prayzner, vice-president; and Concetta Angelica, secretary.

The annual sale of Christmas Seals proved, as always, to be very successful. Most of the rooms had Christmas parties, merriment ran high, and a good time was had by all.

Our second Magazine Drive was launched on September 21, under the careful leadership of Miss Hannon and Mrs. Dunn. Prizes were awarded at an assembly to the best salesmen. The 8A class enjoyed a delightful Halloween Party for the effort and work they did

Patriots are the brave men and women who offer their lives for their country during time of war. They are the scientists, writers, orators and inventors, who, in various ways serve humanity. They are the common citizens who love their country, respect her laws, uphold her principles and maintain her honor at home and abroad.

Nathan Hale, a soldier and hero, was born in Coventry, Connecticut, in 1755 and died in New York, in 1776. He graduated from Yale University in 1773, engaged in school teaching, and enlisted as a volunteer in the Revolutionary War, attaining the rank of captain. Shortly after, he visited New York and Long

in securing the largest number of subscriptions.

The Hi-Y Club again got under way with members of our class as officers.

Mrs. Dunn formed her Home Economics Club with Betty Ann August as president. The club put on a very entertaining fashion show with many of the girls participating.

June 8, brought Class Day with all its glory. On Class Day this year we followed the tradition of reading of the Class History, the Class Prophecy, the Class Will and the Class Statistics.

We chose the yellow rose as our class flower, blue and gold as our colors, and "Patriots Always" as our motto. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this as we are graduating on Flag Day.

The world will little note, nor long remember, what we did here, but we can never forget what we learned here.

It is for us, the students, to be here dedicated to the unfinished work which we have thus far so nobly advanced. It is for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored books we take increased knowledge for that cause for which we gave our last full measure of thought—that we highly resolve that these memories shall not die—that this class, under God, shall have a new birth of wisdom—that this teaching of the world, by the teachers, to the students, shall not disappear from our minds.

Class Historians:

Annetta Newmarker  
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Island, disguised as a school master to obtain information for Washington. On return, he was arrested and tried as a spy by the British. He was sentenced to death and at the age of twenty-one gave his life for his country. His last words were "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Nathan Hale is a tribute to Connecticut, a noted figure in American history and a real patriot.

The life of George Washington Carver, a scientist and educator is a shining example of true patriotism. He was born of slave parents in 1864, near Diamond Grove, Missouri, and died at Tuskegee Institute. Orphaned in boyhood, he worked his way through high school and college, graduating with three degrees. Shortly after, he became an instructor at the Tuskegee Institute. In recognition of his great contribution to his country, he was awarded the Roosevelt medal in 1939.

His research in cotton and the industrial uses of the peanut, opened many new outlets for those crops which play an important part in the agriculture of the South. He helped not only the people of the South but the whole world. George Washington Carver is one of the many people of his race who deserve to be called patriots.

Let us remember, also, those women who truly loved their country. Such a patriot was Clara Barton, a great American woman who devoted her life to the

good of humanity. Her greatest achievement was the founding of the American Red Cross. She was beloved not only for her relief work in war but also in famines, floods and epidemics.

Jane Addams, the world famous founder of Hull House, unselfishly gave her time and energy to the first social settlement in America where children of different races and creeds learn to work and play together. Today, Hull House ranks as a leader in the social settlement in North America and many of its former residents hold responsible positions in city and state and as inspectors and superintendents of industrial enterprises.

These patriots are only a few of the many men and women who have helped to make our country what it is today—a land of true democracy. May we, too, in the words of our motto be "Patriots Always," by truly loving, respecting and honoring our country, and fulfilling our duties as good citizens.

And now, on behalf of the graduating class I wish to express our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to our teachers, Mr. White, our principal, Mr. Lee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education and all others for their interest and support in our progress at the Higgins School.

We, the graduating class of 1949, to all our friends, say, "Thank you and farewell."

Joan Thompson.

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## Class Prophecy

**S**TEP right up for one of the best visitation tour of New York City.

Good for both young and old and will include those highlights worth telling your friends about. In fact, you may even see many of your former friends here. The tour starts in one minute so step right up and climb aboard. Guides Lucille, George and Donald will explain the wonders of this magical city which should prove very exciting. So let's go.

On your right is the Chrysler Building, which has become colorful and artistic, with its rooms of pink walls and blue ceilings remodeled by those well-known carpenters Edward Sylvester and James Sidway.

We are now passing by the Public Library which we know is a place to be

enjoyed, with its television sets, a gymnasium and films. The reason being the new librarian is Patricia Rhodes.

On your left is Yankee Stadium where a game is going on between the Yankees and the Red Sox. The battery for the Yankees is Tom Zarcaro and John Scavatto, while playing 1st base for the Red Sox is Mitchell Gregorski. The game is being announced by that man-about-town Roy Arsenault.

The Stork Club, on your left, features new dresses designed by Nancy Pare and Patricia Quinn. Barbizon's own models Shirley Colton, Eileen Annis and Mildred White give those dresses that "Atomic Look!"

At the New York University are such distinguished professors as Joanna Gatto,

Marion Gourlie and Betty Anne August who are lecturing on "Child Psychology." We wonder if they remember when they were children!!

Passing the Life Insurance Building we know that the typewriters and adding machines are hurriedly working so that secretaries Claire Field, Melanie Walenta, Jean Albano, Nancy Carrieri and Catherine Truiolo may keep their appointments with hair stylists Judith Davis and Statia Wojcieszek.

On your right is Madison Square Garden where the Barnum and Bailey Circus is in full swing featuring those three daredevils Gerald Adams, Stanley Zawala and Gasper Rumore.

On your left is the site of the new United Nations Building where engineers Victor Gongola and Anthony Troiano are hard at work trying to cement world relations permanently together.

Passing the University of Medical Research we should remember that it was here that Dr. Annetta Newmarger, and her nurses Florence Richardson, Muriel Contois and Mary Jekot discovered a cure for headaches. They must have felt sorry for all the teachers to whom they gave headaches.

On your right is the Hotel New Yorker which has been redecorated by Joan Thompson and Pauline Evans. They were voted the Pulitzer Prize for the best Interior Decorators of 1959.

If you look towards the left you will see the building where the New York Flower Show is being held. If you fail to see the show look for the pictures in the New York Times. These pictures are being taken by The Times ace cameramen Edward Dymon, Francis Rypysc, Bruce Hunter and Jack Kinnear.

On your right is the Diamond Horse-shoe featuring "The Singing Waitresses," Shirley McBride, Carol Packer, Mary Calcasola, and Lena Iacolina. They are probably serenading that millionaire race-horse owner Paul Rossi and his jockeys Albert Luke and Raymond Percoski, who are riding in the Kentucky Derby. I wonder if they are singing "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be."

On your left is Radio City Music Hall where those famous pianists Ruth Noll

and Concetta Angelica are accompanying the Metropolitan Soprano Shirley Henderson. They specialize in such operatic pieces as "Pinky The Sailor."

As we pass through Central Park we see the Superintendent of Parks, Carmen Scalia, showing his assistants Joseph Korona, Edward Prayzner, Robert Pelkey and Joseph Ciesones the scientific way of cutting grass.

We will stop the bus for a while in order to take a short tour through the General Electric Building. We will be greeted by Carol Buika who is in charge of all G. E. advertising in schools. Her slogan is "Throw a Little Light on the Subject with G. E."

After a very interesting tour through the G. E. Building we pass by the Daily News Building and see society editors, Janet Bernier, Lorraine Dessert, Edwina Sullivan and Shirley Tough coming to work.

On your right is the Copacabana which is featuring "The Hop-Scotch Trio" made up of Francis Young, Donald Contois and Vincent Archetti. If you feel like eating a good steak that's the place to go. They buy their meat direct from the "Sunrise Dairy Farms Inc." owned by William Higgins, Richard Fleming, Dominick Bosco and William Zybura, scientific farmers de-luxe.

On your left is the First National Bank where those embezzling tellers Charles Jenkins, Richard Cowles and Walter Plander are gleefully counting money their trusting friends deposited.

On our return to La Guardia Airport to take a B29 home, we are greeted by pilots Tony Torre and Louis Damato. As we start on our homeward journey we fly over the Statue of Liberty and by looking carefully below we see guides, Margaret Smith, Gay Acquilino, Harold Sullivan and John Henry explaining the historical background of the Statue of Liberty.

Thus ends our tour of the highlights and leading personalities of New York City. We sincerely hope that it has been exciting and entertaining, and that you will return again to renew your friendship with many of these old friends.

Lucille Aratti  
George Evans  
Donald Znamierowski



# Graduates of 1949

## Jean Albano, "Jeannie"

### Home Economics Club

Jean dearly loves to cook,  
In 'his she'll never need a book!

## Concetta Angelica

### Home Economics Club, Best All-round Girl

A well-dressed girl, and lively, too,  
She joins her friends in whatever they do.

## Eileen Annis

### Home Economics Club

Her pretty blond hair is something to see,  
And her manners are as nice as can be.

## Gay Aquilino

Gay has dark curly hair,  
She goes on her way with never a care.

## Lucile M. Aratti, "Lou"

### Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Class Color Committee, Secretary of Home Economics Club.

Intelligent, sweet, neat and gay,  
She charms us all when she starts to play.

## Vincent Archetti, "Jimmie"

### President of Student Council, Basketball Team, Junior Hi-Y, Most Popular Boy, Best All-round Boy, Glamour Boy, Best Boy Dancer

Popular, cheerful and always gay,  
He goes through life in his merry way.

## Roy Arsenault

### Basketball, Student Council, Playground Committee

Roy is happy at a baseball game,  
And at football he is just the same.

## Betty Anne August, "Betsy"

### Honor Student, Glee Club, Assistant Editor-in-Chief of Tatler, Home Economics Club President

Here's to one we can point with pride,  
By all that is "g-d" she does abide.

## Janet Bernier, "Jerry"

### Home Economics Club

Chatter, chatter everywhere,  
Look for Janet, she'll be there!

## Joanna M. Borys

She's dark and sweet,  
And always looks neat.

## Dominick J. Bosco

He has many freckles and a merry smile,  
And after school delivers milk for a while.

## Carole Ann Buika

### High Honor Student, President of Graduating Class, Graduation Committee, Glee Club Treasurer, Home Economics Club, Tatler Staff, Cheerleader, Student Council, Class Dues

Clever, artistic, sweetly gay,  
Talented in every way.

## Mary Calcasola

### Home Economics Club

She's a joy to have around,  
One of the most pleasant girls we've found.

## Nancy Carrieri, "Nan"

### Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Home Economics Club

Raven tresses—eyes sparkling with fun,  
She's always there when frolic's begun.

## Joseph Ciesones

### Playground Committee

Joseph is a happy lad,  
You'll really never find him sad.

## Shirley Colton

### Home Economics Club

She always looks so clean and neat,  
Her disposition, too, is very sweet.

## Donald Contois

### Playground Committee

Donald is known for his constant chatter,  
When he's around, there's quite a clatter.

## Muriel Contois

### Gift Committee, Glee Club, Home Economics Club

Muriel is short, with sparkling eyes,  
And she likes to bake cakes and pies.





**Richard Cowles, "Rich"**

Richard is quiet and sometimes ambitious;  
Did you know that he can be quite mischievous?

**Louis D'Amato, "Lou"**

Vice-President of the Graduating Class, Tatler Staff

Louis is cheerful, and very gay,  
When it comes to sports, he likes to play.

**Judith Davis, "Jupe"**

Salutatorian, Tatler Staff, Home Economics Club, Orchestra, Glee Club, Class Colors Committee, Cheerleader

Judy is a busy lass,  
A noted figure in our class.

**Lorraine Dessert, "Raine"**

Home Economics Club

Always laughing, always gay,  
Lorraine's a bright girl in most every way.

**Mary Ann Dighello**

High Honor Student, Home Economics Club, Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Orchestra, Basement Committee, Quietest Girl

Mary has penmanship beautiful and neat,  
She's clever and tidy—a friend that can't be beat.

**Edward Dymon, "Speed"**

Honor Student, Baseball, Science Club, Jr. Hi-Y, Basement Committee

Edward likes to have some fun,  
But not until his work is done.

**George Evans**

Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Science Club, Junior Hi-Y, Student Council, Orchestra, Class Musician

George is cheerful and full of glee,  
A talented musician he hopes to be.

**Pauline Shirley Evans**

High Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Home Economics Club, Cheerleader, Vice-President of Glee Club, Class Flower Committee

Pauline is ready and always there,  
When it comes to doing her share.

**Claire Ann Field**

Honor Student, Glee Club, Home Economics, Tatler Staff

Claire is tiny and oh so shy,  
But in her own small way she'll get by.

**Richard Fleming, "Dick"**

Richard has a great big smile,  
He amuses his friends all the while.

**Joanna Gatto, "Jo"**

Honor Student, Glee Club, Humor Editor of Tatler, Home Economics, Cheerleader, Class Motto Chairman

To indulge in sports, is Joanna's desire,  
And to become a teacher she does aspire.

**Victor Gongola, "Vic"**

Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Student Council, Junior Hi-Y, Chairman of Basement Committee, Science Club

Victor is always full of fun,  
And our hearts he has won.

**Marian Gourlie**

High Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Orchestra, Class Dues

Marian's friendship we do treasure—  
Greeting her daily is a pleasure.

**Mitchell J. Gregorski**

Honor Student, Motto Committee, Baseball, Traffic Committee, Student Council, Graduation Committee

Mitchell has blue eyes and is of medium height,  
In school we find him to be quite bright.

**Shirley Henderson**

Home Economics Club

Shirley is a pal, we'll say,  
Who keeps her friends happy all through the day.

**John Henry**

Hi-Y

He surprises us once in a while,  
With a funny remark that makes us smile.

**William M. Higgins**

Always dressed neatly and bright,  
His jokes are a constant delight.

**Bruce Hunter**

Bruce is joyful and full of pranks,  
For his humor we give thanks.

**Lena Iacolino**

Home Economics Club

We admire her for her poise,  
She is liked by the girls and boys.

**Mary Jekot**

Home Economics Club

To sing and dance is her delight,  
She plays the piano every night.





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## Charles Jenkins

### Boys' Choir

He likes to hunt, he likes to fish,  
To be a sportsman is his wish.

## John E. Kinnear, "Jack"

### Basketball

He likes football and baseball, too,  
He seems to know just what to do.

## Joseph Korona

### Tatler Staff

He likes to stay outside and play,  
And he's always out in the fields  
every day.

## Albert Luke

### Graduation Committee, Tatler Staff

Albert loves horses and likes to ride,  
And in this sport he takes great pride.

## Shirley McBride

Shirley is quick and right on her toes,  
She keeps things moving wherever she goes.

## Annetta Newmarker

### Tatler Staff, Glee Club, High Honor Student

Ann's a girl we all admire;  
To be a doctor is her desire.

## Ruth E. Noll

### Honor Student, Flower Committee, Orchestra, Home Economics Club, Librarian

She's full of fun and full of wit,  
At the piano she makes a hit.

## Carol Packer

### Home Economics Club

Carol likes to laugh a lot,  
But has her work done on the dot.

## Anne-Marie Pare, "Nancy"

### High Honor Student, Secretary of Graduating Class, Editor-in-Chief of Tatler, Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Cheerleader

Fashion and Nancy go hand in hand,  
She'll add beauty to our land.

## Robert Pelkey

Of various sports he is very fond,  
And likes to go skating on the pond.

## Raymond Percoski

### Playground Committee, Base-ment Committee

Have you seen Raymond in his cow-boy suit?  
Dressed for riding the girls think he's cute.

## Walter Plander

### Basketball

He thinks that hunting is much fun,  
And when he goes out, all the animals run.

## Edward Prayzner

### Baseball Playground Committee, Class Gift Committee

Here is a boy who likes to build,  
In this work he is quite skilled.

## Patricia F. Quinn

### Student Council, Home Economics Club

She is merry and witty,  
And we think she's pretty.

## Patricia Rhodes

### Home Economics Club

When you're in trouble, and want some advice,  
Go to Patricia and be precise.

## Florence Richardson, "Flo"

### Home Economics Club, Tatler Staff, Graduating Committee Wittiest Girl

Florence is always laughing and gay;  
She'll be the best of nurses some day.

## Frances Rinaldi

### Home Economics Club, Secretary Student Council, Most Talkative Girl

Frances is a happy-go-lucky lass,  
And is wide awake in every class.

## Paul Rossi

His friends are always by his side,  
All so eager to learn to ride.

## Gaspar Rumore

### Vice-President Student Council, Most Talkative Boy, Wittiest Boy

Always joking, happy and gay,  
He keeps things humming all through the day.

## Francis Rypsey, "Rip"

### Graduation Committee, Class Gift Committee, Junior Hi-Y, Orchestra, Student Council, Tatler Staff, Science Club, Glee Club

Photography is Francis's aim,  
We're sure it will bring him great fame.



**Carmen Scalia**

Baseball, Basketball

He is jolly, he has pep,  
In a baseball game he's right in step.

**John Scavatto**

Basketball, Baseball

John is a whizz on the basketball  
floor,  
And when he makes a basket, they all  
roar.

**James Sidway, "Butch"**

Science Club, Basement  
Committee

Jimmy is quiet and oh so shy,  
But he'll get bolder by and by.

**Margaret Smith**

Home Economics Club

"Snooks" is quite an attractive gal,  
She is everybody's pal.

**Edwina Sullivan**

Home Economics Club

Here's a lass both quiet and shy,  
But there's always a twinkle in her  
eye!

**Harold Sullivan**

Quietest Boy

Harold is a quiet boy indeed,  
And surely is a friend in need.

**Edward Sylvester, "Ed"**

Honor Student, Treasurer of the  
Junior Hi-Y, Science Club.

Edward with tools will make his way,  
On to success day by day.

**Harold Teece**

Boys' Choir

Harold tries to be handsome and neat,  
When he gets going, he's hard to beat.

**Joan Ann Thompson**

Valedictorian, Secretary of Glee  
Club, Literary Editor of Tatler,  
Home Economics Club, Class  
Motto Committee, Cheerleader,  
Class Artist, Class Poet, Smart-  
est Girl

In her studies Joan does excel,  
And as a friend she does as well.

**Anthony Torre, "Tony"**

Graduation Committee, Student  
Council, Junior Hi-Y

Tony is an active lad,  
It is easy to make him glad.

**Shirley Tough**

Home Economics Club

Shirley is Lorraine's very good pal,  
As we all know, she's one swell gal!

**Anthony Troiano, "Tony"**

President Junior Hi-Y, Baseball,  
Basketball, Science Club, Grad-  
uation Committee.

Tony is a jolly lad,  
He's always where there's fun to be  
had.

**Catherine Truiolo, "Kitty"**

Home Economics Club, Glamour  
Girl

Here's a girl, quiet and fair,  
With large brown eyes and black curly  
hair.

**Melanie S. Walenta, "Mel"**

High Honor Student, Glee Club,  
Tatler Staff, Home Economics  
Club

Melanie with money likes to play;  
We hope a lot of it will come her  
way.

**Statia Cecelia Wojcieszek, "Sta"**

High Honor Student, Tatler  
Staff, President Glee Club, Stu-  
dent Council, Cheer Leader,  
Home Economics Club, Class  
Gift Committee, Prettiest Girl,  
Most Popular Girl, Best Girl  
Dancer

Statia—little, blonde and sweet,  
Just to know her is a treat.

**Francis Young**

Handsome Boy

So neatly dressed, he looks quite  
snappy,  
And always seems to be so happy.

**Thomas Zarcaro, "Tom"**

Honor Student, President of  
Science Club, Basketball, Base-  
ball, Tatler Staff, Class Athlete

When Tom swings the bat, we all  
agree,  
That a "Big Leaguer" he'll surely be!

**Stanley Zawala, "Sta's"**

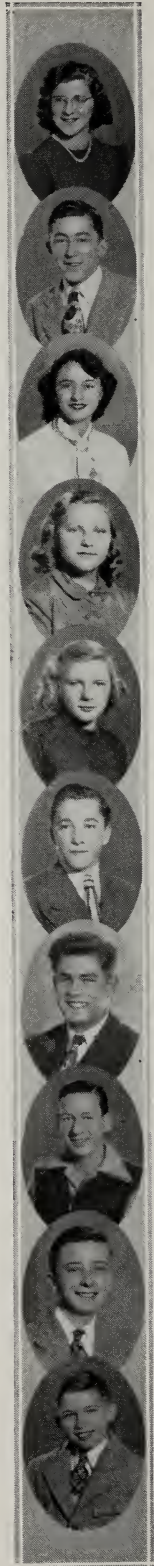
To be a photographer is Stanley's aim,  
We hope his pictures bring him fame.

**Donald J. Znamierowski, "Don"**

Honor Student, Flower Commit-  
tee, Tatler Staff, Smartest Boy  
He likes to play baseball, that I know,  
And when he's at bat, just watch the  
ball go.

**William Zybura**

A pleasant likeable fellow is he;  
His conversation is very lively.



**Mildred White**

We're glad she came with us to stay,  
For we like her in every way.



## Class Will

WE, the Class of 1949, being of questionably sound mind and somewhat broken health, do hereby designate this illegal document as our last, only, final will and testament whereby we sorrowfully dispose of our individual and collective interests, properties, debts, etc., etc., to our fortunate associates and successors at that noble institution of higher and lower learning, A. D. Higgins School, as follows:

1. Mary Dighello, Claire Field and Harold Sullivan bequeath their noisy ways to Robertson Clark because he's such a quiet little boy.

2. Walter Plander wills his love of books to next year's Remedial Reading students. If they follow Walter's steady diet of reading, they'll soon be released from Remedial.

3. Pat Quinn leaves her day-dreams to Bill Cote although Bill already has his own supply.

4. William Higgins leaves his way of walking around trouble to John Hartley. This should make life much easier for John and for the teachers.

5. Melanie Walenta and Annetta Newmarker leave their blonde curls to Charles Cammillari and Clarence Remington with permission for the boys to call themselves the Toni Twins.

6. Catherine Truiolo wills her roller skates to Richard Prayzner to speed up his frequent visits to the office.

7. Frances Rinaldi leaves her chatter-box tongue to Mary Nigro but warns her it may get her into trouble.

8. Nancy Pare and Betty Anne August leave their spelling talents to Fred Riley and Matthew Barone thus nominating them as Spelling Champions of 1950.

9. Margaret Smith bestows her reputation as an angel to Raymond Kasperzak. We're sure that Raymond will be a perfect little angel.

10. Joanna Gatto's skill on the basketball court goes to Gene Young in hopes that Gene will be the star of next year's Youth Center Team.

11. Victor Gongola wills his quiet, gracious manners to Arthur Gerard with instructions to Arthur to work hard to equal his record for hours spent in the cloakroom.

12. The Milkman Team of Evans, Zarcaro, Rypysc and Dymon leave their bottle duties to the best rattlers in 7A and hereby appoint Mrs. Fahey as judge of 7A rattling ability.

13. Joan Thompson and Donald Concois bequeath their artistic ability to Joan Attardi and Frances Duda. We see we shall have a new cartoonist for Dick Tracy.

14. Dominick Bosco leaves his sunny smile to George Wisley to keep him warm on sub-zero days.

15. Carmen Scalia leaves his boxing gloves to Tony Scalia. Now we know why Joe Louis gave up his heavyweight title.

16. Bruce Hunter and Harold Teece bestow their ability at doodling to Jimmy McBride so the teachers will continue to receive interesting homework papers.

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## Class Statistics

Prettiest Girl.....	Statia Wojcieszek
Handsomest Boy.....	Francis Young
Most Popular Girl.....	Statia Wojcieszek
Most Popular Boy.....	Vincent Archetti
Quietest Girl.....	Mary Dighello
Quietest Boy.....	Harold Sullivan
Most Talkative Girl.....	Frances Ranildi
Most Talkative Boy.....	Gaspar Rumore
Class Artist.....	Joan Thompson
Class Athlete.....	Thomas Zarcaro
Wittiest Girl.....	Florence Richardson
Wittiest Boy.....	Gaspar Rumore
Glamour Girl.....	Catherine Truiolo
Glamour Boy.....	Vincent Archetti
Class Musician.....	George Evans
Class Poet.....	Joan Ann Thompson
Smartest Girl.....	Joan Ann Thompson
Smartest Boy.....	Donald Znamierowski
Best All-round Girl.....	Concetta Angelica
Best All-round Boy.....	Vincent Archetti
Best Girl Dancer.....	Statia Wojcieszek
Best Boy Dancer.....	Vincent Archetti

17. To Nickie Longo and Emil Hoginski go Carole Buika's and Concetta Angelica's Arthur Murray dance steps. This will be a great relief to the girls at next year's dances.

18. Janet Bernier and Jean Albano leave their popularity with the boys to the Gardner Twins.

19. John Scavotto and Joe Ciesones leave their popularity with the girls to Jay Harrison and John Maciolek.

20. Gasper Rumore leaves his popularity with the teachers to anybody who likes trouble.

21. Judy Davis leaves her short hair cut to Carolyn Bascom. We think the new look is here to stay.

22. Stanley Zawala wills his love of Science to Nancy Rypysc but requests her to leave the roof on the school when she experiments with the atom bomb.

23. Florence Richardson and Tony Torre leave their bright remarks to Mr. Hines and Mr. Zawada to use when the electric light bulbs burn out.

24. James Sidway wills his growing pills to Kenneth Bellisle to see if he can make them do some stretching.

25. Albert Luke and Raymond Percoski bequeath their love of horses to Ernest Percoski. M.G.M. will be having a new Gene Autry.

26. Francis Rypysc wills his copy of "Alibi Ike" to John Sessa who is now in the process of writing his own book, "How to Avoid Homework."

27. Donald Znamierowski and Mitchell Gregorski leave their studious habits to be stored in the safe, because of course no one in the 1950 Class needs them.

28. Tommy Zarcaro leaves his athletic ability to Peter Moschetti thus ensuring a successful season for next year's teams.

29. Statia Wojcieszek and Vincent Archetti bestow their popularity and glamour on Marie Mancuso and Peter Olson who seem slated to be Class Stars of 1950.

30. The Cheerleader Squad of Evans, Pare, Buika, Wojcieszek, Angelica, Gatto, Davies and Thompson leave their Super-Energy pills to Reid, Catania, Carrol,

Garrow, Hartley, Bellisle, and Zima who will hereafter be known as the Whizz-Bang Brothers, Inc.

31. Pauline Evans and Lucille Aratti leave their jewelry to Claire Bernier and Rosetta Petrone so they may always have jewels to wear.

32. George Evans leaves his accordian talents to anyone who wants to play with Alan Sheehan's orchestra.

33. Shirley Colton wills her sweet disposition to Barbara Hilditch to sweeten the future for everyone.

Items:

1. The Class of 1949 wills all its wasted study periods to the A. D. Higgins Orchestra in expectation that this extra practice time will make them ready for Carnegie Hall.

2. To Mr. White we leave a 1951 model Kiddie Car to speed him on his tours of the building.

3. To the Class of 1950 we leave our perfect conduct record for them to strive to equal.

4. To the faculty we leave a giant size bottle of aspirin tablets.

5. To Mr. O'Neil we bequeath a recording of our melodious voices to inspire him to a speedy return to Enfield.

6. The Class of 1949 gives to Mr. White and to the entire personnel of the school many sincere thanks for all they have done to make our years at A. D. Higgins happy and profitable.

We hereby appoint Mr. Ernest K. White administrator and executor of this, our last will and testament, and instruct him to carry out its terms to the best of his ability.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto inscribed our names this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

The Class of 1949

Pauline Evans  
Melanie Walenta  
Attorneys

Miss Hannan  
Mrs. Fahey  
Mr. Shapiro  
Iodine Trumblechin  
Witnesses





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HIGGINS SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM



STUDENT COUNCIL

—Photo by Brown



THE GLEE CLUB

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## Prizes

THIS year, as in the past, special prizes will be awarded to those boys and girls who excel in various subjects. The students and faculty thank the organizations and individuals of the town who have so generously given these prizes.

The Alvin D. Higgins Scholarship is given to the two students attaining the highest honors. The highest honor student has his name engraved on the scholarship plaque and receives a scholarship key.

A sum of two dollars and fifty cents is awarded by one of our friends to the boy and girl making the most improvement in dictation and penmanship.

To each of the two pupils attaining the highest record in Mathematics and English the Woman's Club of Enfield gives two five dollar prizes.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars offer

a prize of five dollars to the student excelling in history.

To the student constructing the best Vocational Notebook a prize of two dollars and fifty cents is donated by the Lions Club.

A bronze key for citizenship and the sum of two dollars and fifty cents is given to the student who receives the honor of the "best citizen" of the graduating class.

To the pupil in seventh or eighth grade composing the best essay on "Americanism" the American Legion offers a prize of five dollars.

Medals are awarded to the pupils outstanding in athletic ability and achievement.

Mr. White, our principal, awards a school prize of two dollars and fifty cents to the pupil who has shown the greatest improvement in school work throughout the year.



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